UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

RONALD LEE JR., ET AL. : DOCKET NO. 04-0770

VS. : JUDGE TRIMBLE

PPG INDUSTRIES, INC., ET AL. : MAGISTRATE JUDGE WILSON

ORDER

At the request of counsel, a settlement conference will be held on July 28, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the undersigned magistrate judge. The following orders are entered to assist the court in an objective appraisal and evaluation of the lawsuit:

- 1. Each party shall submit by facsimile transmission (337-437-8264) or hand deliver a written Confidential Settlement Conference Statement no later than one week prior to the settlement conference. The Statement shall contain the following:
 - (a) A concise evaluation of the factual or legal issues in dispute (or other factors) which are perceived as the primary "sticking points" preventing settlement;
 - (b) An estimate, expressed in percentage, of your client's chances of prevailing on each claim at issue;
 - (c) Assume liability on each claim is established. Please provide an estimate of the following, <u>itemized</u> as to each claim or element of damage at issue:
 - (1) judgment value;
 - (2) settlement value.
 - (d) Any other documents which counsel believe may be of benefit to the Court in evaluating the case.
- 2. The contents of the Confidential Settlement Conference Statements will not be disclosed to any party without the express permission of the party who authored it. Neither the Statements nor communications of any kind occurring during the settlement conference can be used by any party with regard to any aspect of the litigation or trial of the case.

3. The following persons shall attend the conference: trial counsel for each party; Plaintiff; in house counsel for PPG; Rene Blum for Quality Carriers; and Jeff Koenig for Cytec. All representatives shall have full authority to settle the matter.

"Full settlement authority" is defined for defendants as final settlement authority to commit the defendant to pay, in the representative's discretion, a settlement amount up to the plaintiff's prayer (excluding punitive damage prayers in excess of \$100,000) or up to the plaintiff's last demand, whichever is <u>lower</u>. For a plaintiff, the representative must have final authority, in the representative's discretion, to authorize dismissal of the case with prejudice, or to accept a settlement amount down to the defendant's last offer.

- 4. Any person or entity whose participation is necessary for settlement of the case, whether a party or not, must be available by telephone. In order to effectuate this requirement, counsel of record shall inform Magistrate Judge Wilson as soon as possible of the existence of such a person or entity so that their participation may be ordered, if necessary.
- 5. Failure to fully comply with these attendance requirements may result in the imposition of appropriate sanctions.
- 6. Counsel of record will be responsible for timely advising any involved non-party insurance company of the requirements of this order.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in Chambers at Lake Charles, Louisiana, on June 23, 2006.

ALØNZO P. WILSON

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE